

Transportation FY2007 Budget Highlights

- Correcting operational and service deficiencies for Sun Metro Mass Transit system is the #1 priority for FY 2007. Current efforts include short-term service adjustment to provide more reliable service; third party. management, operations and customer service reviews by professional transit system experts; strategy for major investment in new buses and parts/supplies; changes in staffing and structure to provide better support and performance. All of the above should be immediately forthcoming or no later than 09/30/07.
- Street and Drainage Infrastructure Investments impacting the FY 2007 budget include \$98,868,000 from the 2006 C.O. issue (less the bond issue cost and 2% for the arts) and approximately \$4,000,000 remaining to be spent from the 2004 G.O. issue. The operating budget for the Streets Department will support this investment in upgrading and improving our comprehensive street and drainage system.
- Funding for International Bridge Enhancements were proposed at \$96,484 of operating budget increases along with a five-year capital improvement plan of \$21,375,435. This includes requesting authorization to borrow \$10,833,662 in new State Infrastructure Bank loans, and will address operational and system deficiencies identified by internal audit and infrastructure enhancements and modernization to improve customer services. Upon completion, these enhancements will upgrade and renovate our bridge toll plazas and pedestrian corridors and provide a more aesthetically pleasing border crossing facility for regional residents and tourists.
- Red Light Camera pilot initiated and evaluated in FY 2007.